

Sister Says Castro Aims At Destruction of U.S.

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Juana Castro, sister of the Cuban premier, told a House Un-American Activities subcommittee today the American people cannot imagine the hatred Fidel Castro feels toward the United States.

The 32-year-old sister of Cuba's Communist dictator, who broke with him a year ago, said Fidel Castro has an obsession to destroy this country and that this is one of his main objectives.

She said Castro is trying to take over this hemisphere and that he is helped by "liberal and progressive-minded individuals" in the United States who oppose strong anti-Communist stands.

A supporter of her brother's revolution until she detected its Communist takeover, Miss Castro said her relationships with her brothers, Fidel and Raul, were "wonderful until they betrayed and deceived the Cuban people."

"The great majority of Cubans are against the Communist regime," Miss Castro testified. "They do not support it and they will not be able to stand the nightmare much longer."

"Cubans in high places in the government are plotting against it and stay on in the government for this reason."

Miss Castro said she was a personal witness to atrocities and crimes her brother has committed against the Cuban people and added: "I have a moral obligation to denounce these things to the world to help my countrymen."

Speaking in Spanish under interrogation by subcommittee counsel William D. Hitz, she gave a long list of leaders of her brother's revolution and said she tried to help Fidel in

the fight against the Batista dictatorship from 1953 until her disillusionment. She said she left Cuba last June 20 on the pretext of visiting a sister in Mexico. Miss Castro now lives in Miami.

All the people who helped Fidel believed in the promise of free elections within 18 months, Miss Castro testified.

She said Fidel first destroyed freedom of the press, then religion.

She said that Fidel deceitfully cites Negro equality as an important part of his propaganda—but Cuban Negroes suffer the same persecutions as before. She said she once was present at the foreign ministry when an order arrived from Castro that all passports of Negroes had to be torn up to keep them from fleeing the island and telling the truth about what happened there.

Arrested persons have no right to be charged or tried, she said, adding that members of revolutionary courts haven't the least idea of law and justice, and that trials have predetermined results.

"The Communist minority ruling my country has created an incredibly repressive machine," Miss Castro said. "Anyone who tries to call a meeting to protest the regime would have five more minutes live."

The witness described Havana's far-ranging propaganda machine, which includes training Latin students to plot against their governments, spending large amounts of money to export propaganda and beaming of radio broadcasts to many countries, including the United States.

Miss Castro charged that U.S. students who have made trips to Cuba without State Department

permission have done so with seemingly unlimited funds—furnished, she said, by her brother—and have returned to the United States to make propaganda.

The committee has investigated such trips, which the United States has banned.

In an opening statement she applauded the "firm and courageous democratic action" by President Johnson in the Dominican Republic and Viet Nam.

"Communist leaders, and I know this because of the reaction I personally noticed in Fidel Castro, wish nothing better than to be confronted by irresolute and timid adherents of democracy, liberals and pacifists," Miss Castro said. "These irresolute and timid individuals, they say, are their best allies."

"I want to make a humanitarian appeal to save my people and the other endangered nations. Communist imperialism and its instrument in the Americas, Fidel Castro, are planning to take over this entire hemisphere."

She said firm and decisive action on the part of the Organization of American States is necessary.

"This OAS must not hesitate," she declared. "While they (the OAS) hold discussions, the Communist minorities take over still more popular movements. All enslaved peoples will welcome this firm and courageous democratic action in the same manner they have welcomed President Johnston's action."

She said Communists like to use "liberal and progressive-minded individuals who are ignorant of the danger to themselves and their countries and who let themselves be led, thus indirectly coinciding with the Communists."